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METHODS FOR APPLYING A COATING TO AN OPTICAL SURFACE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2004. In that Action, the Examiner has restricted the application and has required an election between the following groups: Group 1 comprising Claims 1-42, 55-72, and 77-79, directed to a method of coating an optical device, and Group 2 comprising Claims 43-54 and 73-76, directed to an apparatus for applying a coating. Applicants elect Group 1 with traverse and, accordingly, elect Claims 1-42, 55-72, and 77-79.

Additionally, the Examiner has restricted Group 1 to the following two species: Species 1 comprising Claims 16, 38, 55-67, and 69-72, directed to a process wherein the optical device that is directly coated is a lens, and Species 2 comprising Claims 17-20, 39-42, and 68, directed to a process wherein the optical device that is directly coated is a mold for forming a lens. The Examiner has identified Claims 1-15, 21-37, and 77-79 as generic. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, Species 2, comprising Claims 17-20, 39-42, and 68.

Applicants await an action on the merits.

No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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